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SUBJECT: OAS ELECTIONS: CANADA TO SUPPORT TWO U.S CANDIDATES

REF: A. STATE 141801 B. OTTAWA 1466

[1](#)1. (U) On May 23, Post delivered talking points contained ref A to Bertrand-Xavier Asselin, Desk Officer for Hemispheric and OAS Relations in DFAIT,s Inter-American Division. Asselin indicated that Canada has decided to support the candidacy of Douglass Cassel for re-election to the Justice Studies Center of the Americas, and will also support the re-election of Carlos Vazquez to the Inter-American Juridical Committee.

[1](#)2. (U) Asselin, however, said that Canada would not support the election of Rafael Martinez to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Although Martinez is well-qualified for IACHR, Canada has decided to back another candidate.
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